Palama Sweeps Annual Meet: Deans Take Next Place: Merchant Stars

Visiting Athletes Keep Thousands of Fans in Their Bleacher Seats in Spite of a Heavy Shower or Two

By piling up a total of 94 points, Palama Settlement walked away with the annual Hawaiian A.A.U. track and field meet held at Kamehameha field yesterday afternoon. The University of Hawaii came second with 61 points; Kamehameha, 12; Unattached, 12; Outrigger club, 10; A. C. A., 5.

The Army beat Navy by one point, 11 to 10. In the races for girls, the All-Blues won with 10 units. Next came McKinley with 9 and the Kewalo Athletic club last with 2 points.

The three mainland stars took eight first places and one second. Johnny Merchant led with five firsts; Kirksey, two; Krogness, one first and one second.

Although heavy showers of rain fell at intervals during the meet the events were run off in good order. Due to a heavy track only one record was broken. Krogness lowered the 120 hurdles in 15:04. Morris Kirksey got very near to the 100 and 220-yard dashes when he equaled the Hawaiian marks by flashing across the tape in 9:04 and 22:01, respectively. Milton Beamer formerly held the century record, while C. Norman held the furlong since 1918. Charles Paddock, however, lowered the two events in 9:03 and 22 flat last year.

With the exception of the jumps and the pole vault, all the other field events records were shattered by Johnny Merchant as predicted. In the 16-pound shot put, Merchant threw the ball a distance of 42 feet 9 1-2 inches. He then hurled the discus 129 feet 2 inches and swung the hammer 156 feet 10 inches. The old mark for this performance was made by R. A. Ludtam, while Shaw of Yale in 1917. Merchant's next record came in the javelin throw, when he hurled the stick a distance of 151 feet 3 inches. Coombs, who formerly held the record, was registered at 151 feet 3 inches.

Fail to Register

The University of Hawaii half-mile relay team failed to establish a new record for that race. The team, composed of Penhallow, Ralph Ault, Tarleton and Tin Luke Wong-wai, running in the order named, led the field and finished 20 yards ahead of its nearest rival, Palama. The time was 1:33:04, while the record stands at 1:32:04.

Keen competition resulted in the track events. In the dashes, Morris Kirksey did not have a walkaway. Tin Luke ran the Stanford speed-burner a close second and did the same in the 220-yard dash. Had the track been dry and well rolled, Kirksey might have made better time, but there was some doubt as to whether he could better the times made by Paddock last year.

C. G. Krogness of Harvard established a new mark in the 120-yard high hurdles, when he broke John Watt's record of 16:01. The visitor topped the timbers in 15:04, just two-fifths of a second faster than the old mark. Thompson of Dartmouth College holds the present world's record in 14:03.

The best race of the day was the 100-yard dash, in which all the runners came in bunched. Kirksey has a beautiful race right from the gun and kept up a fast pace, followed by Tin Luke, Paul Rice, Tarleton and Penhallow. In the furlong dash the fight was just as keen as that of the century. Tin Luke followed the Stanford man right up to the tape and Penhallow and Tarleton out for third place. Paul Rice was fifth.

Al Vivas of Palama easily won the mile grind in 4:07:04, while his team-mates, Judd, Castanha and Kanahale, passed the string in the order named. Palama also cleaned up all four places in the two-mile run and the running high jump.

Strong in Spots

The Deans were strongest in the discus and javelin throws, when they placed three men in each event. Outrigger won one first place in the quarter-mile run.

"Dog" May finished the run in 53:03. Landers of university pulled a surprise when he came in a good second after a fine run. The A. C. A.s entered one man in the half-mile run and won with Ah Fook knocking down the tape in 2:14:05.

W. Coelho of Kams won the two-mile run with ease, touching the tape several yards ahead of the closest Palama man. The time was 11:01, which will go down as a Hawaiian record.

The spectators got the most kick out of the one-mile walk. J. Smith took first place in slow time of 8:33.01 seconds.

Running unattached, James Whitney won the 220-yard low hurdle race, when Krogness fell down at the turn and did not finish. Whitney finished with Kenneth Kramer slipped and rolled onto the lawn. He was running in the sixth lane. Whitney's time was 27:02. M. Watt's record remains untouched at at 25:04.

The service events were well run off. In the 100-yard dash Seldomridge of Luke Field won in 10:04. Daniels of the army was close second. Navy won the half mile relay in 1:45:03. The team was made up of Payne, Daniels, Wells and Amrock.

Girls Starred

The girls furnished much excitement in their two races, the 100-yard dash and 400-yard relay. In the former race, Clara Maertens of the All-Blues won in 13:02. Woon En Lo of McKinley, took second; Annette Broad third; Pearl Buffum, fourth.

The All-Blues won the 400-yard relay by a big margin. Agnes Auld, Sarah Kane, Lolitha Warren and Lolehua Judd, running for the Blues, registered a new mark for girls in 55:02. McKinley came second, Kewalo taking third.

During the meet "Dad" Center introduced the visiting runners. First he tipped the crowd off by broadcasting Johnny Merchant's name across the track. Then he grabbed Morris Kirksey and introduced him as "the most beautiful and graceful runner in the world." Morris bowed his head with a blush and beat it for the tents. C. Krogness came in for the next introduction. All three were given a big hand by the fans. Others who were introduced were Clara Maertens who won the girls' 100-yard dash and Tom Benton, donor of the T. B. Benton trophy won by Kirksey. Mr. Benton, who for 30 years has been the world's pistol crack shooter, presented the trophy to Kirksey at the close of the blue ribbon event.

Pals Earned It

Palama Settlement earned a big victory and incidentally rolled up the highest score ever made in a local A. A. U. meet. The last two years, in which Palama won, the team scored 73 points each in 1921 and 1922, respectively.

The crowd was given a bit of excitement when a little boy snatched a hand bag away from one of the women spectators who was seated on the stands. The kid ran while the woman screamed and after a merry chase one of the officers caught the lad. The vanity case was returned.

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Commissioner Lindis, so it has been stated, has blocked the scheme of Cincinnati to send Jewett Labourgeois to Oakland. The pretence of the clubs was that the deal had been arranged before January 10. Of course, the Cincinnati Club didn't even own the player until after that date.

Today's Anniversaries of Famous Fights

MARCH 25

1887—*George Lecharme KO'd Tom Hunter, 7 rds., St. Paul, Minn.*

1893—*Bob Fitzsimmons KO'd Phil Maguire, Chicago.*

1904—*Joe Gans beat Jack Blackburn, 15 rds., Baltimore.*

1904—*Jimmie Britt beat Young Corbett, 20 rds., San Francisco.*

1907—*Freddie Welsh beat Young Josephs, 15 rds., London.*

1909—*Young Corbett and Bert Keyes, 10 rds., no decision, New York.*

(By U. S. Sports Chronicle, San Francisco.)

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